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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- **Programming Languages:** Python, Matlab, R
- **ML Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, HuggingFace, LangChain
- **Data Pipeline:** SQL, Pandas, PySpark, Snowflake, Databricks
- **Cloud/DevOps:** AWS, SageMaker, GCP, Airflow, Docker, CI/CD, MLflow, Flask/FastAPI
- **Tools:** Linux, Git/GitHub, Bash

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

- **Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States**
Doctor of Philosophy in Systems Science (focus on Machine Learning) May 2023
- **Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States**
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering May 2018
- **Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing, China**
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering July 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Senior ML/Data Scientist at Walmart Global Tech**
Sep. 2025 - Present, Bentonville, AR
 - **Led Development of Generative AI Solutions for Recommendation Systems (In Progress)**
 - Developed campaign-2-PT RAG system using **PyTorch** and **HuggingFace** to retrieve campaign-related products for campaign labeling for supervised ranker model.
 - Explored and analyzed large-scale campaign and purchase datasets using **PySpark**.
 - **Co-led Development of Campaign Push/Notification (In Progress)**
 - Developed **PySpark** pipeline to monitor campaign performance.
- **Postdoctoral Scholar at Arizona State University**
Research Scientist at ASU-Mayo Center for Innovative Imaging (Concurrent)
July 2023 - Sep. 2025, Tempe, AZ
 - **Led Development of End-to-End Cycle-GAN for Tracer Data Translation (In Progress)**
 - Optimized Cycle-GAN model for translation between FBP and PiB tracer (tabular data) in amyloid PET images. **Eliminated the requirement of paired data without loss of accuracy (achieved correlation 0.97)**. Reduced clinical trial costs and expand access to amyloid imaging in non-specialist settings. [[Project Link](#)] (Paper in preparation)
 - Utilized **Airbyte** for data extraction from **AWS S3** to **Snowflake** for **data ELT**, and performed data **EDA** using **Pandas**.
 - Implemented modified Cycle-GAN model using **PyTorch** and deployed the **dockerized** model using **AWS SageMaker** and **Flask** for inference. Utilized GitHub Action for **CI/CD**.
 - Collaborated with clinicians from Banner Alzheimer's Institute to validate model outputs.
 - **Led Development of End-to-End Multi-agent Medical Q&A System**
 - Implemented medical Q&A system with multi-agent retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) using **HuggingFace** and **PyTorch** to build fully customized clinical support tools. [[Project Link](#)]
 - Vectorized medical datasets for corpus using **FAISS**.
 - Fine-tuned LLMs with 7B parameter with **LoRa** utilizing distributed training.
 - Deployed the inference pipeline using **AWS SageMaker** and **Flask** for real-time inference.
 - **Led Development of Diffusion Models on Medical Imaging**
 - Developed a fully weakly-supervised anomaly detection/segmentation framework (**AnoFPDM**) using guided diffusion models. **Achieved state-of-the-art performance on lesion segmentation with DICE score 77.4 on BraTS21 dataset**, eliminating pixel-level labels for hyperparameter tuning, which significantly reduces the annotation cost.
 - Implemented various diffusion models in **PyTorch** using **distributed training/inference** on Linux (Slurm job scheduler).
 - **Led Development of Fusion of CT and MRI for Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Prediction**

- Utilized Cycle-GAN to generate synthetic MRI from real CT to address long waiting time of MRI. Developed a multi-modal classification pipeline combining CT and synthetic MRI using ResNet. **Achieved ~16% AUC improvement** compared to only using single CT modality.
- Collaborated with clinicians at Mayo Clinic to validate model outputs, ensuring the solution addressed real patient-care needs. (Paper under review)
- **Co-led Development of Machine Learning for Cognitive Decline Prediction**
 - Conducted **model selection** from classification models, e.g., **XGBoost, random forest and SVM**, with nested cross-validation for robust cognitive decline prediction.
 - Applied **SHAP analysis** and Wald test for feature importance in cognitive decline prediction. **Identified top 5 features**, providing insights to the clinical research. ([paper](#))
 - Collaborated cross-functionally with clinicians and data engineers from Mayo Clinic to preprocess patient cognitive assessments.
- **Co-led Development of Multi-modality (Text and Image) Models for Headache Diagnosis**
 - Fine-tuned multi-modal classification pipelines combining MRI and clinical notes based on BioMedCLIP using **PyTorch**. Fine-tuned solely on PubMedBERT and ViT for co-learning. **Achieved state-of-the-art performance in headache diagnosis with 0.96 AUC**. Reduced misdiagnosis rates, potentially saving hospitals and insurance companies on unnecessary treatments. (Paper under review)
 - Collaborated cross-functionally with clinicians from Mayo Clinic for biomarker extraction and clinical interpretation.
- **Research Assistant (PhD) at Binghamton University**
Aug. 2017 - May 2023, Binghamton, NY
 - **Researched Bayesian Statistics and Uncertainty Quantification**
 - Integrated a Bayesian framework into traditional PINN for enhanced robustness and uncertainty quantification. Provided confidence intervals for predictions and improved reliability over non-Bayesian PINNs for more trustworthy decision-making process.
 - Developed a novel Bayesian surrogate model which combines generalized polynomial chaos and Gaussian process for efficient surrogate modeling of stochastic systems. Achieved ~90% improvement in computational budget without loss of accuracy compared to traditional Monte Carlo simulation.
 - Developed single-section and batch-selection sampling algorithms with Gaussian process. Achieved ~70% improvement in computational efficiency compared to traditional one-shot design.
 - Developed uncertainty quantification framework using generalized polynomial chaos expansion for machining process. Achieved ~80% improvement in computational efficiency compared to Monte Carlo simulation.

SELECTED AWARD & HONOR

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| • Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University (top 1%) | 2024 |
| • Excellence in Systems Science Research Award, Binghamton University (top 1%) | 2023 |
| • Binghamton University Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research (top 1%) | 2021 |

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Summary: 18 publications (10 first-authored), 3 working papers, 138 citations, h-index: 8, i10-index: 8 (as of 12-15-2025)

1. **Che, Y.**, Rafsani, F., Shah, J., Siddiquee, M. M. R. and Wu, T. "AnoFPDM: Anomaly segmentation with forward process of diffusion models for brain MRI" *Proceedings of the Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*. 2025. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.15683>
2. Wan, J., Kataoka, J., Sivakumar, J., Pena, E., **Che, Y.**, Sayama, H. and Cheng, C. "Sparse Bayesian learning for sequential inference of network connectivity from Small Data" *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering* 11.6 (2024): 5892-5902. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TNSE.2024.3471852>
3. **Che, Y.**, Guo, Z. and Cheng, C. "Generalized polynomial chaos-informed efficient stochastic Kriging," *Journal of Computational Physics* 445 (2021): 110598. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2021.110598>
4. **Che, Y.** and Cheng, C. "Uncertainty quantification in stability analysis of chaotic systems with discrete delays," *Chaos, Solitons & Fractals* 116 (2018): 208-214. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chaos.2018.08.024>